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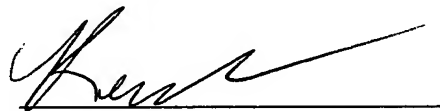
In response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2004, Applicant wishes to enter the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 have been allowed by the Examiner, claim 3 is rejected by the Examiner, and claim 4 is objected to by the Examiner.

In response to the Examiner's objection to Applicant's claim 4, Applicant has amended claim 4 to include the limitations of base claim 3. No new matter has been added. Applicant has canceled claim 3 without prejudice.

Applicant submits that the objection of claim 4 has been overcome. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 4 is therefore respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience. Although additional arguments could be made for the patentability of each of the claims, such arguments are believed unnecessary in view of the above discussion. The undersigned wishes to make it clear that not making such arguments at this time should not be construed as a concession or admission to any statement in the Office Action.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,



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